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MINES AND MINERALS
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DEVELOPMENT OF MINING INDUSTRY IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government for the development of mining industry in Bihar;

(b) the income earned by the State Government there from as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the minerals exported from Bihar during each of the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS,SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) Government of India has alreadytaken various steps for faster development o f mining industry in the country including Bihar. National Mineral Policy,1993 w a s announced for the development of mining sector in India. Recently Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 was amended in December, 1999 followed by amendments in the Rules framed under the Act to make the legal framework investor friendly and hassle free. Similarly the policy for encouraging private sector investment including foreign direct investment has been increasingly liberalised over the years.

(b) It has been reported by the State Government of Bihar that the revenue earned from royalty in the last three years is as follows:

Year	Revenue (In Crores)
1997-98	807.97
1998-99	737.34
1999-2000	755.44

c) Information on statewise import and export of minerals is not centrally maintained.